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TO: The Secretary

FROM: D/HA - Patt Derian R

SUBJECT: Request by Prominent Figures to Meet With
You to Discuss Indochinese Refugee Problems

While your request to the President requesting a parole of 15,000 Indochinese refugees was being considered in the White House, five prominent figures associated with Freedom House -- John Richardson, Jr., Bayard Rustin, Alexander Schindler, Sol C. Chaikin and Norman Podhoretz -- asked for a meeting with you to discuss U.S. policy respecting the plight of boat case refugees. The signatories of the cable can be helpful in our efforts to deal with the problem, especially since public interest in sponsoring the refugees needs to be spurred, and a long term strategy on the subject can use the input of such people. I propose that I and my staff talk with them, if they agree to your invitation in attached cable. B

Recommendation:

That you sign the cable inviting them to meet with me.

Attachment:

Cable to Freedom House

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